

REMARKS:

The Office action mailed June 3, 2003 has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that Claims 13 to 16, 18, 21 and 27 to 49 have been shown to be allowable. It is also appreciated that Claims 8 to 10 and 12 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been rewritten as independent Claim 50 and Claims 9 to 12 have been amended to depend from Claim 50. Therefore, these claims are now urged to be allowable.

The Abstract was objected to due to a grammar error which has been corrected herein.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Reed. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the medical implants having a head, such as a bone screw or hook, with spaced arms and a closure. The use of the reverse angle thread in the manner called for in the claims and with such implant structure is not in anyway taught or suggested by Reed. Consequently, it is urged that the subject matter of Claim 1 is now allowable over Reed. Claims 2 to 7 depend from claim 1 and are also urged to be allowable.

Independent Claims 17, 19, 22 and 26 were also rejected as being anticipated by Reed. These claims have been amended to

include the structure upon which the tread is located. In particular there claim calls for an implant, such as a bone screw or hook, having a head with a pair of spaced arms and a closure for closing between the arms. The thread is utilized on the closure for mating with threads on the arms. The claimed thread operably resists splaying of the arms when the closure is tightened. As the Reed device is clearly non medical and is directed to use of a thread on a device unitized to stop a crack from spreading, it is urged that Reed does not teach or suggest such a thread for the claimed apparatus and purpose, nor is it obvious to combine the teachings of Reed with art in the field to produce the claimed invention. Consequently, it is urged that independent Claims 17, 19, 22 and 26 are now allowable over the cited art, along with the claims dependent therefrom.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

Respectfully Submitted,



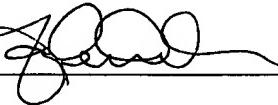
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